

crossroads

LIFE GROUPS

Discussion Questions for December 15th / December 16th

KICKING IT OFF: Who is the toughest person you have to buy a Christmas gift for?

MEMORY VERSE: “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

1 John 1:14

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Since the fall of man there has been a broken relationship between us and God. Why is it crucial to restore our relationship with God in order to love those around us genuinely?
2. Pastor Chuck taught us that we are not experiencing wonder in our relationships because we could be struggling with avoidance, mistrust, contempt, and death of a relationship. Why is avoidance our initial reaction when dealing with a tough relationship?
3. What leads to mistrust in relationships?
4. Contemptment is when we struggle with believing that someone always thinks evil, does evil, and plans evil. How is this opposite of how Jesus sees us?
5. Read 1 John 3:15-16. In the death of a relationship phase we no longer want anything to do with a person. This is completely opposite of what God wants and desires. What do we learn from the scripture that we just read on how to handle those we hate?
6. In order to overcome these relationship killers, we must exude a love of another kind. Read 1 Timothy 1:5. According to this scripture what helps us to have this type of love?

7. Read Ephesians 4:32. Forgiveness is important to move forward in our broken relationships. According to this scripture, where should the source of our forgiveness come from? Why is this important?
8. Read Matthew 18:23-35. What happens when we don't forgive those around us?
9. Read Matthew 5:23-24. Why is reconciliation important to moving forward in a relationship? What is the difference between reconciliation and forgiveness?
10. Read 1 Corinthians 13:5 and 1 Peter 4:8. How could these two scriptures help us to bring healing to our broken relationships?

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Broken relationships are a major source of hurt and pain in our lives. After hearing this important teaching from Pastor Chuck is there anyone in your life that God has brought to mind that you need to reconcile with? This week ask God to present an opportunity to make contact with that person and have a conversation full of grace, forgiveness, and truth in order to bring healing to your relationship.